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# 1. Watch for Children Tomorrow Night

For Halloween, children may be in your neighborhoods going door to door in costume looking for candy tomorrow night. Please be careful!

This will be the City of Knoxville, Office of Neighborhood's new traffic calming plan....give out candy nightly to children to slow down traffic! All kidding aside, drive slowly, look around, and keep your phones off on your way home or on your way out tomorrow night. Also, parents, remind your children to be on the look-out for cars – or make it a family event and walk with them.

Let's make this a safe Halloween for all of Knoxville.

## 2. Live at Five at Four Sets Up in Old North Knoxville

Do you have an amazing costume this year? Is it maybe even "TV worthy"? Now's your chance to show it off!

WBIR Channel 10's Live at Five at Four will be in Old North Knoxville for their Halloween Road Show. The Channel 10 crew will be filming the Halloween edition, live, on Wednesday, Oct. 31, at 4 p.m., in the Old North Knoxville Park, 416 E. Oklahoma Ave. Parking is available at Glen Oaks Baptist Church, 510 E. Oklahoma Ave.

All are welcome!

The Live at Five at Four team has lots of surprises in store! Bring your family and friends, and, of course, come in costume!

To learn more about Channel 10's Live at Five at Four, check out this week's <u>Halloween</u> themed episodes.

## 3. Western Heights to Help Host Fall Fest

Save the date! Western Heights KCDC, Great Schools Partnership Beaumont Magnet Academy Community School, and Western Heights Boys and Girls Club are hosting a Fall Festival for all to enjoy!

Come out on Tuesday, Nov. 6, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., to the Beaumont Magnet Academy Arts Integrated Playground, 1211 Beaumont Ave., for activities, resources, refreshments, and fun. Partner agencies and first responder personnel will provide resources and activities for all ages. Plus, all kids in attendance will have a chance to win a free bike from Kickstand.

All are welcome. Please contact Jill Akin for more details at (865) 594-1272 or jakin@greatschoolspartnership.com.

# 4. Town Hall East Hosts Public Meeting

Town Hall East (THE) encourages all to attend their next meeting on Monday, Nov. 5, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 4904 Asheville Highway.

The featured speakers will be the Councilwomen from the two districts that represent THE membership area, Lauren Rider (4th District) and Gwen McKenzie (6th District).

They will discuss their priorities and concerns for THE area and East Knoxville. They will also touch on issues surrounding Recode Knoxville.

The public is cordially invited.

## 5. City Council Approves Six Neighborhood Small Grants

Last Tuesday night, Oct. 23, City Council unanimously approved six Neighborhood Small Grants for Fairmont Emoriland Neighborhood Association, Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization, Historic Holston Hills Community Club, Parkridge Community Organization, South Haven Neighborhood Association, and Southside Waterfront Neighborhood Association for 2019.

The projects range from adding improvements to private or public park areas to create more beautiful and environmentally sound spaces, to designing and installing a unique bus shelter, to restoring historic obelisks and pillars.

The total amount of grants given for 2019 is \$17,040. Over the past four grant cycles, a total of \$95,125 has been given to neighborhood organizations. The Neighborhood

Small Grant Program is designed to help neighborhoods address needs in their community.

### 6. Recode Knoxville Seeks Feedback on Third Draft

Recode Knoxville is hosting the final public meeting for draft three of the proposed zoning ordinance tonight, Oct. 30, at the Church of the Good Shepard, 5409 Jacksboro Pike, at 6 p.m.

This meeting is the fifth public meeting hosted by the Office of Neighborhoods and the Knox County-Knoxville Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC), in an effort to hear feedback on the third draft of the ordinance and second draft of the zoning map. If you have not had the chance to learn about the zoning code update, ask questions, and/or provide input, stop by or visit Recode Knoxville.

While direct engagement is important, you can also provide comments on the Recode website. Compare your current zoning with proposed zoning on the Recode Knoxville Interactive Map, and make sure the new zoning codes reflect what you see in your neighborhood. MPC has worked hard to make the codes as accurate as possible, but it relies on feedback from Knoxville neighbors to correct any mistakes.

Recode Knoxville is Knoxville's city-wide zoning update project. The recode process, which began in 2016, is in its third phase. Comments will continue to be accepted as MPC prepares for the workshops to be held by the Stakeholders Committee, MPC, and City Council. The proposed zoning code update, map, and public comments are scheduled for presentation to MPC on Nov. 8, 1:30 in the Main Assembly Room, City County Building, 400 Main St.

#### 7. ETPRI Hosts South Knoxville Coffee Hour

The Office of Neighborhoods, in partnership with East Tennessee Permaculture Research Institute (ETPRI), will host a coffee hour for South Knoxville neighborhoods on Monday, Nov. 5, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., at 201 Ogle Ave.

The coffee hour focuses on connecting Knoxville's neighborhoods for networking and fellowship. All South Knoxville residents are welcome. This coffee hour is flexible; attendance is not required for any specific part. Coffee, hot tea and limited snacks will be provided. If you would like to bring a snack to share, please send us a message on Facebook, email <a href="mailto:hfreeman@knoxvilletn.gov">hfreeman@knoxvilletn.gov</a>, or call 215-3456.

We are excited to provide this opportunity for neighborhoods to network! If you have ideas about where the Office of Neighborhoods could consider a community coffee hour in your section of the city (East, West, North, or Downtown), please contact us via the methods listed above.

#### 8. Early Voting to End This Week

Early voting for midterms will end Thursday, Nov. 1. During early voting, registered voters are able to vote in person or by mail to elect Tennessee's next governor, U.S. Senator, congressional representatives, and state lawmakers.

Specific early-voting hours and locations can be found on the Knox County Election Commission's website. Voters can also find locations and hours by downloading the GoVoteTN app. In order to vote in person, you must bring a valid photo I.D. If voting by mail, you must request and qualify for an absentee ballot. For a list of absentee ballot requirements, visit the Tennessee's Secretary of State's website.

According to the Knox County Election Commission website, almost 80,000 Knox County residents had voted early as of Friday, October 27, 2018. In a county of about 460,000, that is less than 20 percent of all residents. If you are unsure of whether you are registered to vote, visit this <u>website</u>.

## 9. ACA Open Enrollment Period

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) open enrollment period kicks off Thursday, Nov. 1, and will go through Saturday, Dec. 15.

Tell your neighbors! This period is annual. People can only enroll outside of this timeframe if they meet requirements for a special enrollment.

This year, the City of Knoxville will be co-hosting the annual kickoff event on Thursday, Nov. 1, from noon to 6 p.m., at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, 1807 Dandridge Ave.

For questions about ACA events, call 311, or visit the <u>City's ACA site</u>. Other community partners are available to help with insurance consultations and assist in the Marketplace application process.

Mayor Madeline Rogero is urging Knoxvillians without health insurance to learn about their options under the Affordable Care Act, then decide if any option is a good fit to address their or their family's needs.

"The Affordable Care Act Health Insurance Marketplace is available with more options than last year," Mayor Rogero said. "During open enrollment, the goal is to provide assistance to Knoxville residents so they can explore if any of the plans provided under the ACA is right for them."

Call Cherokee Health Systems at (866) 672-1979 to set up an appointment, or if you have a family member or child in Knox County Schools, call Vine School Health Center at (865) 594-5078 to schedule an appointment. To enroll yourself via the Marketplace, call 1-800-318-2596.

Please share this information with your neighbors. Children are always eligible for health insurance regardless of parent or guardian citizenship status.

**10.** Knoxville Neighborhoods Calendar (click link for online calendar)

Call 215-4382 to include your neighborhood event or meeting in this Google calendar.

If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation in order to attend a City of Knoxville public meeting, please contact Stephanie Brewer Cook at <a href="mailto:scook@knoxvilletn.gov">scook@knoxvilletn.gov</a> or 215-2034 no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting you wish

to attend. For an English interpreter, contact Title VI Coordinator Tatia M. Harris at 215-2831.

#### **Other Calendars**

Here are other online calendars that cover events outside of the neighborhood realm:

- Arts & Culture Alliance (There's More to Knoxville)
- Arts & Fine Crafts Center Classes (City of Knoxville)
- City of Knoxville General Calendar

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